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1. WHILE IN PRINCIPLE EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME NDU VISIT, PROPOSED
ITINERARY PRESENTS NUMEROUS PROBLEMS WHICH LEADS US TO
CONCLUDE THAT IT WOULD BE IN OUR BEST INTEREST TO DEFER TRIP
UNTIL AT LEAST FALL 1977.

2. THREE SENIOR MISSION OFFICERS (AMBASSADOR, DCM)/ AND RDO) WILL
BE ABSENT DURING PERIOD MAY 7 TO 11 AT CHIEFS OF MISSION AND
AID DIRECTORS CONFERENCES. IN ADDITION, AMBASSADOR WILL BE
DEPARTING POST AND NEW AMBASSADOR WILL PROBABLY NOT HAVE ARRIVED.

3. CAMEROON HAS REQUESTED MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHICH
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CURRENTLY BEFORE CONGRESS AND, PENDING ACTION ON THESE
PROPOSALS, IS CONSIDERING COMMERCIAL PURCHASES OF M-16 RIFLES AND
NON-LETHAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM COLT, NAPCO AND POSSIBLY
GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL. REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THREE FIRMS
WILL HAVE CALLED MINISTRY OF ARMED FORCES OFFICIALS WITHIN
SHORT TIME SCHEDULED VISIT. BELIEVE PRESENCE NUMBER US MILITARY
OFFICERS DURING NDU VISIT MIGHT VERY WELL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIY

RAISE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING AVAILABILITY EQUIPMENT
AND ARMS SUPPLY POLICY WHICH WE SIMPLY NOT IN POSITION TO
RESPOND TO AT PRESENT.

4. ALSO BELIEVE WITH NORMAL LEADTIME, USDATT NDJAMENA COULD
AND SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN PLANNING AND EXECUTING VISIT. WE WOULD
GET ADDITIONAL MILEAGE IN TERMS HIS INCREASED ACCESS CAMEROON
MILITARY.

5. WHILE WE DOUBT THAT THERE SUFFICIENT LEADTIME IN ORDER DO
PROPER PROGRAM AND BELIEVE PATCHWORK SCHEDULE MIGHT NOT REDOUND
TO ANYONE'S CREDIT, AND NOTWITHSTANDING ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS, IF
DEPARTMENT AND NDU BELIEVE ON BALANCE USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE
SERVED BY VISIT, WE COULD ACCOMMODATE AFTER MAY 18TH, BUT ONLY
IF USDATT COULD SPEND UP TO WEEK BEFORE 1ST IN ARRANGING PROGRAM
AND BE PRESENT DURING VISIT.

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